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QUEBEC JAIL ASSOCIATION.

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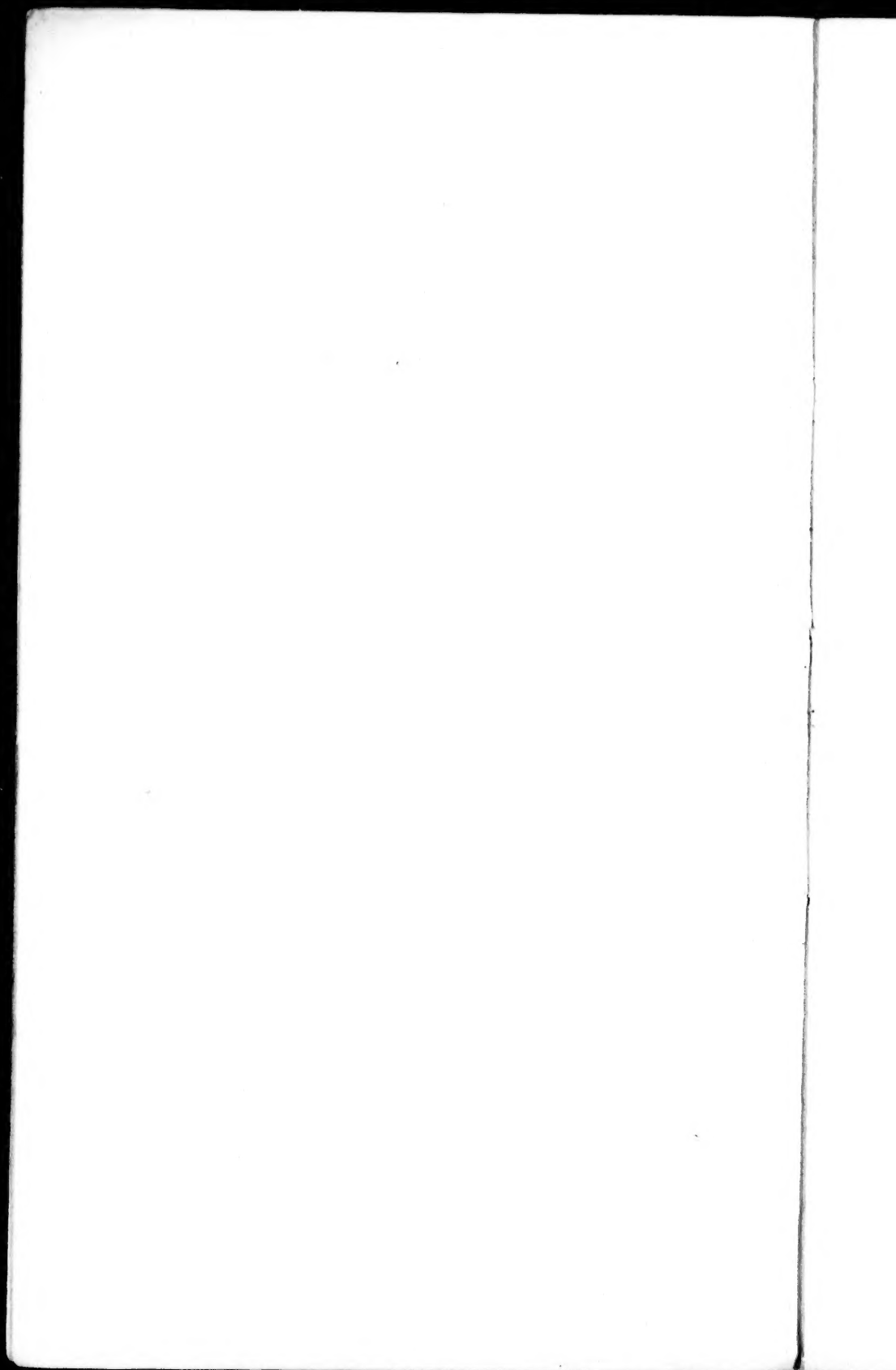
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Coffin, James
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Frost, Major
Haddan, R.
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Jones, Jos.
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Sewell, Henry D.
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OF THE

Quebec Jail Association.



The Committee of Management of the Quebec Jail Association in submitting for public information the following Report of their *fourth* year's proceedings, have the satisfaction of stating that the original object of the Association, viz : "The promoting education, " industry and moral improvement among the prisoners in the Jail of this District," has been steadily adhered to, and has, they trust, been productive of good results.

The Committee in the anxious desire of promoting their original intention, have in addition to the two schools, which have been regularly maintained, employed Mr. Campbell, for the purpose of reading and expounding the Holy Scriptures to such prisoners as are willing to listen to the word of Life, and of using his influence by conversing with them to effect a moral and religious change in their habits and characters.— And the Committee have great satisfaction in stating that the results have already been so favourable as to warrant the expectation, by God's permission, of the most favourable issue to their endeavours. From Mr. Campbell's Journal, it appears that some prisoners who at the first scoffed at, and derided his attempts, are now extremely anxious for his conversation, listen with attention to such portion of Scripture as he may select, and show gratitude for his instruction. The Committee moreover think it due to Mr. Campbell, to state it as their opinion, that he was mainly instrumental under God, by regular attendance and the most persevering philanthropy, in calming the fears of a poor penitent lately deceased in the House of Correction, and preparing her for eternity. The books provided by the Association for the use of the prisoners have been put under Mr. Campbell's charge, with a view to their more regular distribution and preservation.

The Committee have continued to supply to the prisoners in the House of Correction, the means of voluntary work, and they trust, that the beneficial results already observed to arise from the means of employment thus offered to those who would otherwise have been totally idle, or engaged in the formation and invention of schemes of wickedness, have not been wanting during the past year; the peculiar difficulties under which the Association labour in the furtherance of this part of their scheme, arising from the imperfect construction of the Jail of this district, and their very limited funds unfortunately still exist, and render the annual appeal to the benevolence of a charitable public again necessary.

The ill success which the Association have already experienced in calling the attention of the Provincial Legislature, to the utter inadequacy of the present Jail to the purpose for which it is intended, whether the mere security of the prisoners, or the means of effecting a change in their moral character be looked to, renders it almost a hopeless task to enter on this now trite subject.—But the Association cannot allow this opportunity to pass by without calling on the public in general, and the members for the County and City of Quebec in particular, both as individuals and as Members of a Christian Community, to co-operate with the Association, in again petitioning the Provincial Legislature, either for the erection of a Penitentiary, on the plan of Auburn and Sing Sing, in the neighbouring state of New York, or the conversion of the present prison to such a purpose. The Committee have further to state that not only is the present Jail, inadequate, standing as it does on four streets in the heart of a populous City, as a place of security, or from its internal division into small sleeping cells communicating with large wards, where 15 or 16 persons, young and old, convicted and untried, the hardened in villiany and the uninitiated in crime, unite to contaminate each other and to make a boast of crime, but

is disproportioned by the smallness of its size to the number of prisoners confined in it, and this defect, the Committee understand has been presented by the last Grand Jury. It is painful and heart-rending to the Christian and the Philanthropist to enter the Jail of this District, feeling convinced, as he must, that so far from being calculated to have a beneficial effect in producing a moral change in the character of the prisoners, its construction is such, that no individual can be committed to it, however innocent of crime, and leave it unpolled and untaught in wickedness. This remark applies with peculiar force to Juvenile offenders, who, committed to the Jail for some petty misdemeanour and contaminated while there by the society and conversation of men worse than themselves, go out from its walls ripe for any villany. That this is not the case in the Penitentiaries of Auburn and Sing Sing, is manifested by the small number of recommitments which appear on the books of those prisons.

The Committee have great regret in stating, that another object in which they interested themselves during the year just past, and which they cannot but persuade themselves would have proved highly beneficial to the Community at large, viz : the establishment "of a House of Industry, as a place of shelter for discharged prisoners, especially females who may have shown a disposition to return to habits of industry, and good conduct, and with the more general object of supplying work and means of support to the poor who are destitute of employment, and of thus gradually putting down the practice of street begging, and the waste of individual charity"—seems unhappily to have fallen to the ground, the Committee appointed at a public meeting, for the purpose of collecting subscriptions, and otherwise promoting this so desirable object, not having yet with the knowledge of this Committee made any report of progress. The Committee cannot but hope that some further steps will be taken by the public to release the community at

large, from the system of indiscriminate almsgiving which usually exists to so great extent in this city during the winter season.

In further proof of the necessity of some place of refuge, where discharged prisoners who have evinced a disposition to alter their course of life, may be employed until their character is in some measure re-established, the Committee have to state that an attempt they made during the last winter, to obtain situations in the Eastern Townships, for female penitents, has proved unsuccessful, from the very prevalent reluctance of the inhabitants to take into their families persons who have once been polluted by the air of a Jail.

The condition of the children of prisoners, continues to engage the anxious attention of the Committee, but they regret that the smallness of their funds will not allow them to do as much for them as they might wish; convinced of the imperative duty of removing the innocent offspring of offenders from the corrupt precincts of a Jail, they have, as occasion offered, provided for them such means of support and instruction, in the new settlements in the neighbourhood of Quebec, as their limited means afforded; while they regret that no public asylum exists in this city, for these poor children, the Committee cannot but remark, that such an asylum might with great advantage be connected with a House of Industry.

By a continuance of the weekly visits to the Jail, by two of their Members, the Committee have been enabled to make themselves acquainted with the wants, complaints and grievances of the prisoners, and have in many instances extended to them such relief and assistance as the necessity of their cases might require.

The Committee seek not to magnify their exertions, nor do they look for praise where none is due, but if in the opinion of a benevolent public, any good has resulted from their exertions, they hope and trust that

this appeal to their charity will not prove unavailing ; much still remains to be done, but the means of doing it are wanting ; to the pecuniary assistance and much more to the active co-operation and support of the citizens of Quebec, the Committee look for the means of prosecuting the course, in which, humble as it is, they are endeavouring to benefit their fellow creatures.

By order of the Committee.

HENRY D. SEWELL, Secy.

Quebec, 1833.

LIST OF DONATIONS AND ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

TO THE

QUEBEC JAIL ASSOCIATION.

For the year ending May, 1833.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
His Excellency Lord				Cash, Donation,	0	2	9
Aylmer, <i>Donation,</i>	5	0	0	Cash, <i>do.</i>	0	2	6
Atkinson, Henry				C. B. <i>do.</i>	0	2	9
<i>Donation,</i>	0	5	0	Cash, <i>do.</i>	0	1	3
Audette, J. B.				Cash, <i>do.</i>	0	2	6
<i>Donation,</i>	0	2	6	Cash, <i>do.</i>	0	2	6
Anderson, Anthony	0	5	0	Cash, <i>do.</i>	0	1	3
Anderson, William	0	5	0	Cash, <i>do.</i>	0	1	3
Antrobus, E. R.	0	5	0	Cash, small sums, <i>do.</i>	0	8	6
Bergeron, M.				Desbarats, George			
<i>Donation,</i>	0	2	6	<i>Donation,</i>	0	5	0
Bell, Hon. M. <i>do.</i>	0	5	0	Douglas, John	0	5	0
Burnet, David <i>do.</i>	0	5	0	Duchesnay, Charles	0	5	0
Bedard, E. <i>do.</i>	0	10	0	Dorion, Pierre	0	5	0
Bennett, Benson <i>do.</i>	0	5	0	Delagrave, Louis	0	5	0
Baird, Ebenezar	0	5	0	Deverry, Richard	0	5	0
Brown, Rev. J.	0	5	0	Durette, Francis	0	5	0
Brown, John	0	5	0	Daly, Dominick	0	5	0
Burrage, Rev. R. R.	0	5	0	Eckart, J. R. <i>Donation,</i>	0	2	6
Black, James	0	5	0	Friend, A. <i>Donation,</i>	0	2	6
Black, Henry	0	5	0	Ferguson, Archibald	0	5	0
Bignell, John	0	5	0	Freer, Noah	0	5	0
Burton, Sam. Judge	0	5	0	Forsyth, Jas. B.	0	5	0
Black, James	0	5	0	Fisher, J. Charlton	0	5	0
Caldwell, Sir John				Fraser, John	0	5	0
<i>Donation,</i>	0	5	0	Fisher, John	0	5	0
Clearihue, James <i>do.</i>	0	5	0	Fletcher, John			
Golfer, Charles <i>do.</i>	0	2	6	<i>do. do.</i>	0	10	0
Carter & Muckle, <i>do.</i>	0	5	0	Frost, Town Major	0	5	0
Cochrane, Hon. A. W.				Goldsworthy, R.			
<i>do. do.</i>	0	10	0	<i>Donation,</i>	0	2	6
Campbell, Archibald	0	5	0	Gore, Lt. Col. <i>do.</i>	0	5	0
Campbell, Charles	0	5	0	Gowen, H. <i>do.</i>	0	5	0
Cary, Thomas	0	5	0	Glass, John <i>do.</i>	0	5	0
Cairnes, Robert	0	5	0	Gore, Manly	0	5	0
Clugston, John Rev.	0	5	0	Gibb, Thomas	0	5	0
Coffin, John	0	5	0	Gingras, E. A.	0	5	0
Coffin, James	0	5	0	Ginger, William	0	5	0
Codville, John	0	5	0	Hacker, Frederick			
Cash, <i>Donation,</i>	0	2	6	<i>Donation,</i>	0	2	6
Cash, <i>do.</i>	0	2	6	Hale, Hon. J. <i>do. do.</i>	0	10	0

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Hamilton, J. R.				Pozer, George	0	5	0
Donation.	0	2	6	Donation,	0	5	0
Hale, Jeffery	0	5	0	Pozer, Mrs. do.	0	2	9
Harkness, Jas. D. D.	0	5	0	Penn, Richard do.	0	5	0
Hawkins, Alfred	0	5	0	Pelletier, Pierre do.	0	5	0
Hamilton, James	0	5	0	Panet, Mr. Hon. do.	0	7	6
Hunt, James	0	5	0	Parrant, A. A. do.	0	2	9
Henderson, George	0	5	0	Panet, Louis do.	0	5	0
Jones, Nathaniel	0	5	0	Painchaud, Mad. do.	0	2	6
Jones, J. Jr. Donation,	0	6	0	Pezet, do.	0	1	3
Irvine, J. G. do.	0	2	6	Petry, Frederick	0	5	0
Idale, Wm. do.	0	2	6	Patton, William	0	5	0
Kerr, Hon. Justice				Petry, William	0	5	0
Donation,	0	5	0	Phillips, William	0	5	0
Kerr, James H.	0	5	0	Price, William	0	5	0
Kidd, Lawrence & Co.	0	5	0	Pemberton, George	0	5	0
Le Mesurier, H.	0	5	0	Primrose, Hon. F. W.	0	5	0
Leaycraft, Jeremiah	0	5	0	Ryland, Hon. H. W.	0	5	0
Lang, Rev. Matthew				Ridley, Ralph	0	5	0
Donation,	0	5	0	Racey, J. Donation,	0	5	0
Levy, W. H. do.	0	2	6	Robinson, James do.	0	1	3
Laurie, A. do.	0	2	6	Richardson, Rt. do.	0	5	0
Langevin, Jean do.	0	2	6	Sewell, Hon. Chief			
Lane, E. do.	0	5	0	Justice	0	5	0
Latham, R. do.	0	5	0	Donation,	0	5	0
L. S. D. do.	0	2	6	Sewell, Mr. Sheriff do.	0	10	0
Leekes, Charles do.	0	2	6	Symes, Robert do.	0	10	0
Mountain, Ven. Arch-				Seymour, R. B. do.	0	2	6
deacon	0	5	0	Sewell, Rev. E. W.	0	5	0
Donation,	0	5	0	Sewell, Henry D.	0	5	0
Mountain, Miss	0	5	0	Stayner, T. A.	0	5	0
McMahon, Rev. P. M.				Skey, Doctor	0	5	0
Donation,	0	5	0	Stewart, Hon. John	0	5	0
McPhee, J. do.	0	2	6	Sims, J. J.	0	5	0
Murray, Hugh do.	0	5	0	Sheppard, William	0	5	0
McNider, John	0	5	0	Trigge, Thomas	0	5	0
McLeod, John	0	5	0	Trenain, Benjamin,	0	5	0
McDonald, Ronald	0	5	0	Tait, Thomas	0	5	0
McCallum, D.	0	5	0	Taylor, Mrs.	0	5	0
Musson, John	0	5	0	Taylor, Miss	0	5	0
Montizambert, Mrs.	0	5	0	Vivian, R. Donation,	0	2	9
Massue, Louis	0	5	0	Vanfelson, G.	0	5	0
Méthot, F. X.	0	5	0	Woolsey, J. W.			
Noad, John	0	5	0	Donation,	0	5	0
Neilson, John	0	5	0	Walker, William do.	0	5	0
Ogden, Chs. R.				Wally, John do.	0	5	0
Donation,	0	10	0	Woodbury, E. do.	0	5	0
O'Neil, P. & B. do.	0	2	6	Wilkie, Rev. D. do.	0	5	6
Power, W. Donation,	0	5	0	Weston, Thomas o.	0	1	3

QUEBEC JAIL ASSOCIATION IN ACCOUNT WITH ROBERT HADDAN, TREASURER.

<i>Debit.</i>		<i>Credit.</i>	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Paid the Matron 12 months salary.....	15 0 0	Balance from last year.....	16 0 3
" School Masters.....	20 19 0	Amount of Subscriptions and Donations.....	42 12 6
" For a chest to contain the books belonging to the School and Library.....	1 2 6	Received from the Sale of Socks, and Stockings	10 5 0
" One dozen of Bibles for the use of the Prisoners.....	2 8 0		
" Thomas Cary & Co. for Printing and Stationery.....	9 13 9		
" Materials for giving employment to the prisoners.....	9 2 0		
" For cloathing to prisoners.....	7 4 7		
" 2 Rulers, 2 Benches, and 20 Spit boxes..	2 3 6		
" C. Sparling for collecting subscriptions..	2 1 3	Balance due the Treasurer.....	0 16 10
	<u>£69 14 7</u>		<u>£69 14 7</u>

Quebec, June, 1833.

ROBERT HADDAN,
Treasurer.